

## Bear Canyon Travel Planning Area

### A. Alternative Travel Area Goals, Objectives, Standards and Guidelines

#### Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternative 1

Alternative 1 is the “no action” alternative. There would be no changes to current management direction applicable to travel management.

#### Travel Planning Area Direction Under Alternatives 2 through 7-M

**GOAL 1a: Summer Recreation Use.** Provide opportunities for summer recreation use with an emphasis on ATV, motorcycle and mountain bike use. *This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 4, and 7-M.*

**GOAL 1b: Summer Recreation Use.** Provide opportunities for summer recreation use with an emphasis on foot, horse and mountain bike use. *This goal applies to Alternative 6. The goal for Alternative 5 would be similar, except that horse use would not be an emphasis.*

**OBJ. 1-1a:** Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of summer recreation use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 6, but the miles of opportunity varies as displayed in the table below. The column for Alternative 7-M is provided for information only.*

| Table II – 16 Summary of Summer Opportunities By Miles |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| All mileages are approximate                           |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Recreation Opportunity                                 | Alt. 1 | Alt. 2 | Alt. 3 | Alt. 4 | Alt. 5 | Alt. 6 | Alt. 7-M |
| <b>Pleasure Driving</b>                                |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Road  | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1        |
| <b>Backcountry Roads (4x4)</b>                         |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Road  | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| <b>ATV</b>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Road  | 4      | 4      | 9      | 9      | 5      | 5      | 9        |
| Miles of Trail   | 14     | 16     | 15     | 15     | 9      | 9      | 9        |
| Total Miles  | 18     | 20     | 24     | 24     | 14     | 14     | 18       |
| <b>Motorcycle</b>                                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Road  | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Miles of Trail   | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Total Miles  | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| <b>Mountain Bike (Use Emphasized)</b>                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Road  | 11     | 11     | 5      | 5      | 5      | 5      | 5        |
| Miles of Trail   | 20     | 20     | 20     | 20     | 19     | 19     | 24       |
| Total Miles  | 31     | 31     | 25     | 25     | 24     | 24     | 29       |
| <b>Mountain Bike (Use Allowed)</b>                     |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Trail   | 0*     | 0*     | 0*     | 0*     | 0**    | 0**    | 0*       |
| <b>Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Emphasized)</b>          |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Trail   | 20     | 2      | 8      | 3      | 5      | 5      | 15       |

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|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| All mileages are approximate  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Recreation Opportunity  | Alt. 1 | Alt. 2 | Alt. 3 | Alt. 4 | Alt. 5 | Alt. 6 | Alt. 7-M |
| <b>Pack and Saddle Stock (Use Allowed)</b>  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Trail  | 0*     | 18     | 12     | 17     | 15     | 15     | 6        |
| <b>Hiking (Use Emphasized)</b>  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Trail  | 20     | 3      | 9      | 4      | 19     | 19     | 15       |
| <b>Hiking (Use Allowed)</b>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Trail  | 0*     | 17     | 11     | 17     | 1      | 1      | 6        |
| * Use for this activity is not prohibited on any trails; use is either emphasized or allowed. |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| ** Use for this activity is prohibited on some trails.  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |

**OBJ. 1-1b:** Achieve the summer recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 1 through the route-by-route management decisions made through this Travel Plan. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for summer uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. *This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.*

**OBJ. 1-2:** Provide a mountain bike route from the Bear Canyon area to the North Fork of Trail Creek. *This objective applies to Alternatives 3 through 6. In Alternative 7-M this route would be open to foot and stock travel only.*

**OBJ. 1-3:** Provide a foot and horse trail connecting Chestnut Mountain to Trail Creek. *This objective applies to Alternatives 3 and 7-M only.*

**OBJ. 1-4:** Provide a motorcycle/mountain bike opportunity on the Dean Gulch Trail. *This objective applies to Alternative 3 only.*

**GOAL 2: Winter Recreation Use.** Provide opportunities for winter recreation use emphasizing snowmobile use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

**OBJ. 2-1a:** Manage the road and trail system to provide for the following types of winter recreation use. *This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 6, however, the amount of marked and groomed routes vary among alternatives. The column for Alternative 7-M is displayed for information only.*

| Table II – 17 Summary of Winter Opportunities In Miles |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| All mileages are approximate                           |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Recreation Opportunity                                 | Alt. 1 | Alt. 2 | Alt. 3 | Alt. 4 | Alt. 5 | Alt. 6 | Alt. 7-M |
| <b>Pleasure Driving (Plowed Road)</b>                  |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Plowed Road                                   | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 4        |
| <b>Snowmobiling</b>                                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Groomed Trail                                 | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |
| Miles of Marked Trail                                  | 6      | 6      | 11     | 18     | 10     | 11     | 13       |
| Total Miles  | 6      | 6      | 11     | 18     | 10     | 11     | 13       |
| <b>Cross-country Skiing</b>                            |        |        |        |        |        |        |          |
| Miles of Groomed Trail                                 | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0        |

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|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| All mileages are approximate                                  |               |               |               |               |               |               |                 |
| <b>Recreation Opportunity</b>                                 | <b>Alt. 1</b> | <b>Alt. 2</b> | <b>Alt. 3</b> | <b>Alt. 4</b> | <b>Alt. 5</b> | <b>Alt. 6</b> | <b>Alt. 7-M</b> |
| Miles of Marked Trail   | 19            | 19            | 23            | 18            | 18            | 18            | 18              |
| Total Miles   | 19            | 19            | 23            | 18            | 18            | 18            | 18              |

| <b>Table II - 18 Summary of Area Restrictions - Acres</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |               |                 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>Recreation Opportunity</b>  | <b>Alt. 1</b> | <b>Alt. 2</b> | <b>Alt. 3</b> | <b>Alt. 4</b> | <b>Alt. 5</b> | <b>Alt. 6</b> | <b>Alt. 7-M</b> |
| <b>Snowmobiling</b>  |               |               |               |               |               |               |                 |
| Yearlong Closure   |               |               |               |               |               |               |                 |
| Wilderness   | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0               |
| Non-Wilderness   | 301           | 301           | 42            | 3,859         | 3,964         | 3,859         | 910             |
| Seasonal Closure <u>2/</u>   |               |               |               |               |               |               |                 |
| Wilderness   | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0               |
| Non-Wilderness   | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0               |
| No Restrictions  |               |               |               |               |               |               |                 |
| Wilderness   | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0               |
| Non-Wilderness   | 10,415        | 10,415        | 10,674        | 6,857         | 6,752         | 6,857         | 9,806           |
| Net  | 10,716        | 10,716        | 10,716        | 10,716        | 10,716        | 10,716        | 10,716          |
| <u>2/</u> Note: Seasonal restrictions are displayed under the route-by-route management section. |               |               |               |               |               |               |                 |

**OBJ. 2-1b:** Achieve the winter recreation opportunities identified in GOAL 2 through the marked and groomed route management decisions made through this Travel Plan along with decisions made on the area available to snowmobiles. Any future proposals to change the uses specified should be done in consideration of the targeted recreation setting to be provided [see the “Recreation Opportunity Spectrum” (ROS) map for winter uses under Alternative 7-M] which is hereby incorporated by reference. ***This objective applies to Alternative 7-M only.***

**GOAL 3: Water Quality/Fisheries.** Provide habitat for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Trail Creek and provide for beneficial uses in Bear Creek. ***This goal applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.***

**OBJ. 3-1:** Reduce contributed sediment from the road and trail system in Trail Creek to achieve Yellowstone cutthroat trout habitat at 90% of its potential habitat capability and improve water quality in Bear Creek such that it fully supports beneficial uses. ***This objective applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.***

**STANDARD 3-2:** Trail #440 is not to be opened to summer motorized, mountain bike and horse use until facilities are upgraded to a condition that alleviates sedimentation and water quality impacts from those facilities. ***This standard applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.***

**STANDARD 3-3:** Trails in the Bear Canyon drainage are not to be opened for the summer season to ATV, motorcycle, mountain bike and/or horse use until the trail system is of a condition that prevents adverse erosion and watershed damage. ***This standard applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.***

**STANDARD 3-4:** Due to sensitive soils in this area, wheeled motorized vehicle travel shall be prohibited off of designated routes within this travel planning area (i.e. the 300-foot off-route allowance provided in Forest-wide standard A-1 shall not apply). *This standard applies to Alternatives 2 through 7-M.*

**GOAL 4: Migration Corridors.** Provide for wildlife migration and movement between the Gallatin Mountain Range and the Bridger-Bangtail Mountain Ranges. *This goal applies to Alternatives 4 through 7-M.*

**OBJ. 4-1a:** Identify and implement seasonal motorized use restrictions on area roads and trails that allow for wildlife security during key migration periods. *This objective would apply to Alternatives 4, 5 and 7-M.*

**OBJ. 4-1b:** Relocate trails #440 and #458 off of the ridge to provide a non-motorized corridor north/south through this Travel Planning Area. *This objective would apply to Alternative 5 and 7-M.*

**OBJ. 4-1c:** De-emphasize motorized use in this travel planning area to provide a secure corridor for wildlife migration and movement. *This objective would apply to Alternative 6.*

## **B. Alternative Route-By-Route Management**

[See attached table.](#)

